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### Legend:

A =

X =

Date 1 =

Date 2 =

Dear :

This responds to a letter dated October 30, 2006, submitted on behalf of X, requesting relief under § 1362(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### Facts

The material submitted states that X was incorporated on Date 1. A, the president of X, represents that the shareholders of X intended that X elect to be an S corporation effective Date 2. However, X inadvertently failed to timely file a Form 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation. X requests a ruling that it will be an S corporation effective Date 2.

### Law and Analysis

Section 1362(a) provides that a small business corporation may elect to be an S corporation.

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Section 1362(b) provides the rule on when an S election will be effective. Section 1362(b)(2) provides in relevant part that if an S election is made within the first two and one-half months of a corporation's taxable year, then the corporation will be treated as an S corporation for the year in which the election is made. Under § 1362(b)(3), however, if an S election is made after the first two and one-half months of a corporation's taxable year, then that corporation will not be treated as an S corporation until the taxable year after the year in which the S election is filed.

Section 1362(b)(5) provides that if: (1) no § 1362(a) election is made for any taxable year, and (2) the Secretary determines that there was reasonable cause for the failure to timely make such election, then the Secretary may treat such an election as timely made for such taxable year and § 1362(b)(3) shall not apply.

X did not timely file an election to be an S corporation under § 1362(a). X has, however, established reasonable cause for not making a timely S election and is entitled to relief under § 1362(b)(5).

### Conclusion

Based solely on the facts submitted and the representations made we conclude that X has established reasonable cause for failing to make a timely election to be an S corporation effective Date 2. Accordingly, provided that X makes an election to be an S Corporation by filing a properly completed Form 2553 effective Date 2, along with a copy of this letter, with the appropriate service center within 60 days from the date of this letter, then such an election will be treated as timely made for Date 2.

Except as specifically set forth above, no opinion is expressed or implied as to the federal income tax consequences of the transaction described above under any other provision of the Code. Specifically, no opinion is expressed concerning whether X was or is, in fact, an S corporation for federal tax purposes.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer(s) requesting it. Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

Sincerely,

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